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PREVIOUSLY

Unfettered by the yoke of colonization, the African warrior nation of WAKANDA flourished and became a high-tech, resource-rich, ecologically-sound paradise—one that makes the rest of the world seem primitive in comparison. Ruling over this kingdom are the BLACK PANTHER and his queen, STORM.

The Black Panther is more than just a head of state, the leader of a warrior cult. The Black Panther is the embodiment of the ideals of a people. While T'Challa's marriage to Storm was a happy occasion, the couple was reminded that Wakanda faces difficult times ahead. Now more than ever, Wakanda needs the Black Panther to preserve its integrity and guide its people.

To assuage the fears of those who would see them as a threat and to ensure Wakanda's security in a world rocked by Civil War in the United States, the Black Panther and Storm thought it best to embark upon a diplomatic tour amongst the larger centers of global power. However, over the course of their goodwill tour, the newlyweds found themselves drawn into the conflict in America...and into a direct confrontation with the Superhuman Registration Act's strongest supporter: Iron Man!

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WAR CRIMES
PART ONE
THEY WRAPPED MY BOY IN A *TARP*. A TARP. LIKE A DEAD DOG.
AND THEN THEY LOWERED HIM WITH A CRANE. ALL THOSE POWERS, THAT FANCY TECHNOLOGY AT THEIR DISPOSAL...AND THEY WRAP HIM IN A TARP, AND LOWER HIM ON A CHAIN.
MRS. FOSTER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO, I WOULD GLADLY ARRANGE FOR A HERO'S BURIAL FOR HIM IN WAKANDA. IN A *REAL* COFFIN.

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CAN YOU SHRINK HIM DOWN? BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY EVEN TRIED. IT'S LIKE, OKAY, WE GET THE MESSAGE, IF YOU USE AN *ARYAN* THUNDER GOD TO BLOW A HOLE IN BIG OL' *BLACK* GOLIATH...
THAT IS NOT HOW I TAUGHT YOU!
WHAT THEY DID WAS WRONG. AND THEY WILL PAY. BUT DON'T USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE TO MAKE CLAIMS ABOUT RACIAL CONSPIRACIES. IT DETRACTS FROM THE TRUTH.
WE DON'T KNOW *ANYTHING*, DAD. NONE OF THIS MAKES SENSE...SO WE HAVE TO CONSIDER ALL POSSIBILITIES. ISN'T *THAT* WHAT YOU TAUGHT US?
YES. BUT DON'T MAKE PRONOUNCEMENTS UNTIL YOU KNOW WHAT'S RI--
DADDY!
...I MISS HIM *SO MUCH*...
...HOW COULD THEY *DO* THIS?

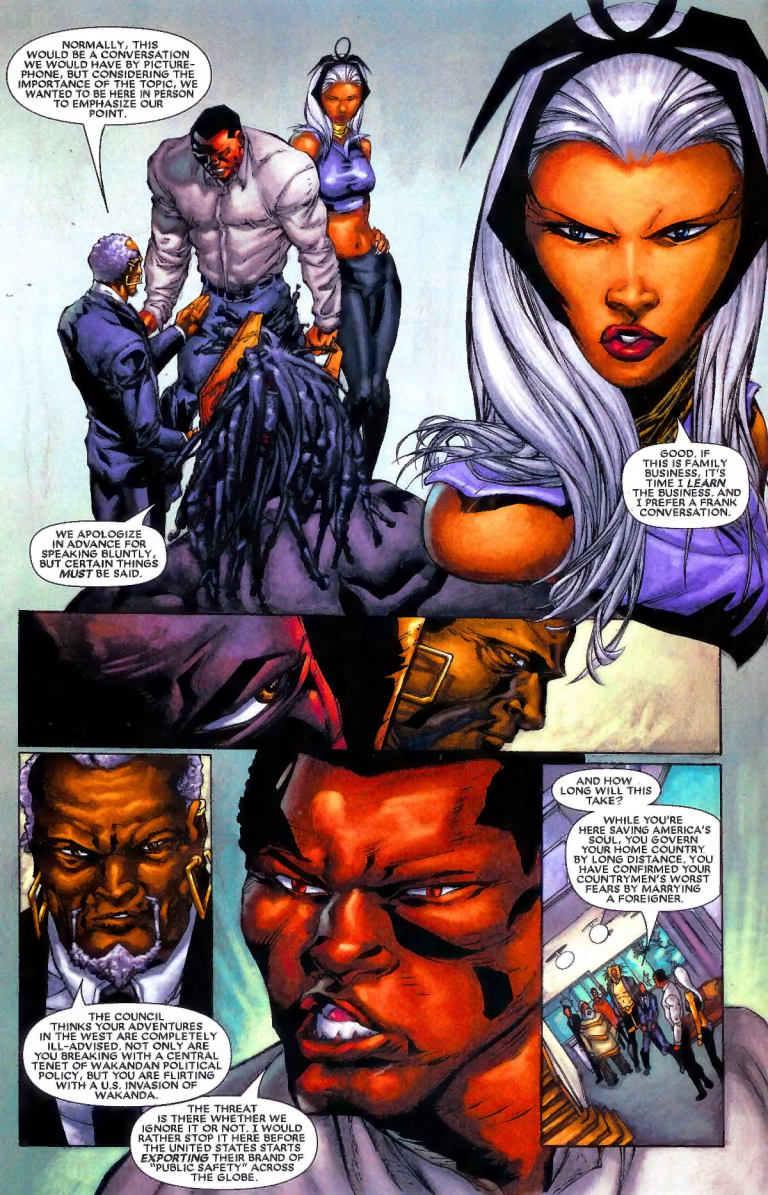
THE KING AND QUEEN OF WAKANDA VISITED THE GRAVE SITE OF FALLEN SUPER HERO BILL FOSTER--A.K.A. GOLIATH, OR AS HE WAS FIRST KNOWN, BLACK GOLIATH. FOSTER IS THE HIGHEST PROFILE DEATH IN THE RECENT BATTLES OVER THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT.
THE TRAGEDY AT STAMFORD HAS COARSENED THE ATTITUDES AMONG THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY. A MAN WHO HAS SACRIFICED FOR HIS COMMUNITY DIES SENSELESSLY, AND NO ONE PAUSES TO ASK WHY.
AT THE GRAVE SITE, THE FAMILY OF BILL FOSTER ANNOUNCED A WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUIT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, STARK ENTERPRISES AND FANTASTIC FOUR INCORPORATED.
MY SON WAS A SCIENTIST WHO HELPED PEOPLE. DOES THAT MAKE HIM A CRIMINAL?
THE WHOLE LAW DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. IF I SAVE SOMEONE FROM DROWNING, DO I HAVE TO REGISTER? THIS CASE WILL TEST THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION ACT, WHICH HAS MADE THE WORLD MORE DANGEROUS, NOT LESS.
I AM MOST DISAPPOINTED BY THE BEHAVIOR OF HANK PYM, WHO WAS A CLOSE COLLEAGUE OF BILL AND APPEARS TO BE A CO-CONSPIRATOR IN HIS DEATH.
"OKAY, WHAT DO WE HAVE ON FOSTER?"

NOTHING. SQUEAKY CLEAN NERD WHO JOINED THE WRONG SIDE.
ANY PORN ON HIS COMPUTER? DID HE LIKE BOYS?
HE'S NOT AN A-LIST PLAYER LIKE CAPTAIN AMERICA, BUT HE'S STILL THE PERFECT TEST CASE FOR THEM. NICE GUY, BORING AS HELL.
THIS IS THE *PANTHER'S* DOING. HE'S ORCHESTRATING THE WHOLE PLAY.
FOSTER'S FAMILY IS FULL OF ACADEMICS, DOCTORS AND ATTORNEYS. WHY DON'T YOU THINK THEY COULD THINK OF THIS THEMSELVES?
DOESN'T MATTER. THE BLACK VOTE WON'T MEAN THAT MUCH IN THE NEXT ELECTION ANYWAY.
IF THEY SPIN BILL FOSTER INTO THE NEXT EMMETT TILL, IT WILL BE BIGGER THAN A BLACK ISSUE.
WHO'S EMMETT TILL...?

THANK YOU ALL FOR EVERYTHING.
WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP.
BILL TOTALLY HAD A CRUSH ON YOU.
CAN WE SPEAK PRIVATELY?
CERTAINLY, YOUNG MAN...
I USED TO WORK IN THE LAB WITH MY UNCLE BILL ALL THE TIME. I'M GRADUATING FROM M.I.T. IN TWO YEARS.
DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP?
NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. I'M ROTC. I CAN RUN THE MILE IN--
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT DOING ANYTHING ILLEGAL. YOUR FAMILY HAS ENOUGH HEARTBREAK RIGHT NOW.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT TO ME? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON HIS SIDE?
I AM. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT YOUR FAMILY NEEDS RIGHT NOW.
I'M GOING TO CRACK THE PYM PARTICLE FORMULA ONE DAY--WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR HELP.
I HOPE YOU DO.
SO YOU WILL HELP ME?
WE WILL STAY IN TOUCH.

TEN MINUTES LATER...
SO...A NEW SOLDIER FOR YOUR ARMY?
HE'S ANGRY, NATURALLY...AND SMART-DRIVEN. HOPEFULLY I CAN HELP KEEP HIM ON THE RIGHT PATH.
AND DON'T THINK I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR TONE. YOU ACT LIKE XAVIER DIDN'T RECRUIT YOU FOR HIS ARMY.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME. I'M NOT CRITICIZING.
WE NEED SOLDIERS. AND IF I CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON THE X-MEN, WE NEED TO BUILD A NEW ARMY HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.
HAVE I TOLD YOU LATELY THAT I LOVE YOU?

THE WAKANDAN EMBASSY...
WELCOME BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS.
YOU HAVE GUESTS WAITING.
GUESTS?
YOUNG T'CHALLA--WE NEED TO TALK.
DEAREST ORORO--PLEASE EXCUSE US FOR A MOMENT. FAMILY BUSINESS.
SHE IS THE QUEEN OF WAKANDA. SHE IS MY FAMILY.
AS YOU WISH.


NORMALLY, THIS WOULD BE A CONVERSATION WE WOULD HAVE BY PICTURE-PHONE, BUT CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TOPIC, WE WANTED TO BE HERE IN PERSON TO EMPHASIZE OUR POINT.
WE APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE FOR SPEAKING BLUNTLY, BUT CERTAIN THINGS *MUST* BE SAID.
GOOD. IF THIS IS FAMILY BUSINESS, IT'S TIME I *LEARN* THE BUSINESS. AND I PREFER A FRANK CONVERSATION.
THE COUNCIL THINKS YOUR ADVENTURES IN THE WEST ARE COMPLETELY ILL-ADVISED. NOT ONLY ARE YOU BREAKING WITH A CENTRAL TENET OF WAKANDAN POLITICAL POLICY, BUT YOU ARE FLIRTING WITH A U.S. INVASION OF WAKANDA.
THE THREAT IS THERE WHETHER WE IGNORE IT OR NOT. I WOULD RATHER STOP IT HERE BEFORE THE UNITED STATES STARTS *EXPORTING* THEIR BRAND OF "PUBLIC SAFETY" ACROSS THE GLOBE.
AND HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?
WHILE YOU'RE HERE SAVING AMERICA'S SOUL, YOU GOVERN YOUR HOME COUNTRY BY LONG DISTANCE. YOU HAVE CONFIRMED YOUR COUNTRYMEN'S WORST FEARS BY MARRYING A FOREIGNER.

SOME FEEL YOUR HEART IS NO LONGER IN WAKANDA. YOUR AMERICAN WIFE IS THE SYMBOL OF IT, AND YOUR ACTIONS TELL THEM IT'S TRUE.
AND YOU WANT TO BLAME ALL THIS ON MY BRIDE?
NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM, AND SOMEONE WILL RISE TO FILL THE VOID OF YOUR ABSENCE. *KILLMONGER*, *ACHEBE*, OR SOME NEW THREAT TO YOUR THRONE...HOW MANY TIMES MUST YOU LEARN THIS LESSON?
THE QUEEN IS NOT TO BLAME. YOUR APPETITE FOR FOREIGN ADVENTURE--AND YOUR LACK OF INTEREST IN YOUR HOMELAND--IS TO BLAME.
WE HAVE SAID ALL THAT CAN BE SAID. YOU ARE THE *KING*. IT'S YOUR DECISION. WE WILL LEAVE YOU TO DELIBERATE.

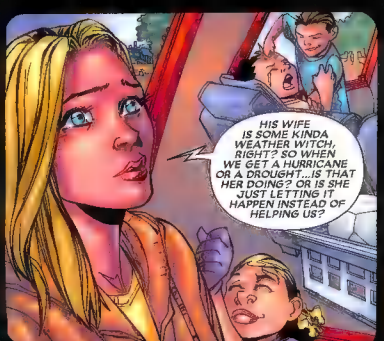
IF YOU CHOOSE, I WILL GLADLY RETURN TO WAKANDA WITH YOU.
BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK IS *RIGHT?*
WHAT DO *I* THINK? WELL, LET ME START BY ASKING YOU A QUESTION:
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK WAKANDA CAN MAINTAIN ITS ISOLATIONIST STANCE? FOR ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS? FIFTY YEARS? SIX MONTHS?
PEOPLE SWORE THE *GREAT WAR* WOULD FORCE US TO END OUR POLICY. THE SAME WITH WORLD WAR TWO. THEN THE INVENTION OF THE ATOM BOMB. IS THIS REALLY ANY DIFFERENT?
SO YOU *DON'T* THINK THEY WILL TRY AND INVADE WAKANDA?
OF *COURSE* THEY WILL. THEY HAVE *ALWAYS* TRIED AND ALWAYS *WILL*. IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT WE DON'T WELCOME THEM.
YOU SOUND UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHICH DIRECTION TO GO, T'CHALLA.

IT'S OKAY NOT TO ALWAYS KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
NOT WHEN YOU ARE KING.
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? WERE WE EFFECTIVE?
YES. WE DID NOT CHANGE *HIS* MIND...BUT WE CHANGED [redacted] THEY'LL [redacted] HOME...EVENTUALLY.

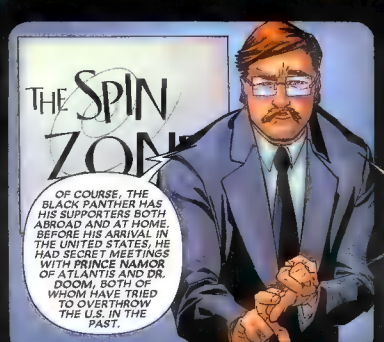
STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON DC...
WHAT WE NEED IS A BETTER P.R. INITIATIVE. PANTHER IS OUTFLANKING US ON THAT FRONT.
WHO CARES WHAT A BUNCH OF FROGS THINK?
IT'S NOT JUST THE FRENCH, SIR. IT'S A PROBLEM IN EVERY MAJOR MARKET--EUROPE, THE PACIFIC RIM...AND NOW HE'S BUILDING A CREDIBLE POPULAR RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN THE STATES.
WHY DIDN'T STARK JUST FINISH THE JOB?
HIS FRIEND JIM RHODES CALLED FOR A TRUCE, AND CONSIDERING THE RECENT DEATH OF GOLIATH, IT WAS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA NOT TO ENGAGE IN A PROBABLY FATAL SHOWDOWN WITH A POPULAR AFRICAN KING.
POINT TAKEN. IN THIS PC-CRAZY WORLD, WE'D END UP LOOKING LIKE KLAN, NOT PATRIOTS.
IN THE MEANTIME, I WANT THE PANTHER TO LEARN HE'S NOT [redacted] THE JUNGLE ANY MORE.

THE SPIN ZONE
AS AFRICAN KING BLACK PANTHER AND HIS WIFE--FORMERLY OF THE MUTANT SUPER-TEAM THE X-MEN--GET INCREASINGLY VOCAL ABOUT THE SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE ASKING TOUGH QUESTIONS.

HE SAYS HE'S FRIENDS WITH THE AVENGERS, BUT HE JOINED 'EM JUST TO SPY ON 'EM. WHO NEEDS FRIENDS LIKE THAT?


HIS WIFE IS SOME KINDA WEATHER WITCH, RIGHT? SO WHEN WE GET A HURRICANE OR A DROUGHT...IS THAT HER DOING? OR IS SHE JUST LETTING IT HAPPEN INSTEAD OF HELPING US?

AMERICANS ELECT THEIR LEADERS, RIGHT? I MEAN, WE OVERTHREW A KING OVER 200 YEARS AGO! SO WHERE DOES THIS GUY, SOME KING FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, GET OFF TELLING US WHAT TO DO?


THE SPIN ZONE
OF COURSE, THE BLACK PANTHER HAS HIS SUPPORTERS BOTH ABROAD AND AT HOME. BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES, HE HAD SECRET MEETINGS WITH PRINCE NAMOR OF ATLANTIS AND DR. DOOM, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE TRIED TO OVERTHROW THE U.S. IN THE PAST.

BUT THOSE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE DIMINISHED HIS SUPPORT FROM BLACK LEADERS LIKE AL SHARPTON AND LOUIS FARRAKHAN FROM THE NATION OF ISLAM, WHO BOTH HAVE MEETINGS WITH THE BLACK PANTHER ON THEIR BOOKS.
AS FOR WHETHER THE ROYAL SUPER-COUPLE ALSO PLAN ON MAKING A RENDEZVOUS WITH FUGITIVES FROM THE REGISTRATION ACT... NO ONE KNOWS.

MOVEMENT AT THE WAKANDAN EMBASSY.
SIX VEHICLES MOVING OUT. PURSUE?
NEGATIVE. YOU'D BE MADE BY WAKANDAN TECH OR BY THE PANTHER HIMSELF. WE'VE GOT SOMEONE ON IT.
THEY'RE SPLITTING UP. CAN YOU READ WHICH HAS THE PANTHER INSIDE?
NO HEAT SIGNATURES, BUT WE HAVE THEM ON SATELLITE.
OKAY. THE GROUPS OF THREE JUST SPLIT TO SIX.

FIFTEEN MILES IN THE NEW YORK SEWER. HOW COULD YOU STAND IT WITH YOUR HEIGHTENED SENSE OF SMELL?
WE DO WHAT WE *HAVE* TO--NATASHA.
DON'T TELL *ME* YOU KNEW I WAS TRACKING *YOU* THE WHOLE TIME.
YOU WERE THE BEST SPY THE SOVIET SYSTEM EVER CREATED. PEOPLE LIKE ME HIRE PEOPLE LIKE YOU. OF COURSE I KNEW.
DON'T MAKE ME HAVE TO--
I WOULD NEVER FIGHT A WOMAN.
I HAVE PEOPLE FOR THAT.

WHAK
KRUNK
NO! HE'S GETTING AWAY--

OKAY, LADIES, YOU HAVE MY *FULL* *ATTENTION*.
I'M NOT PLAYING WITH YOU ANY MORE.
KLIK
WHAT DID YOU *DO*?
THWAK
WHUD

HELLO, STEVE.
WHO ARE YOU?

T'CHALLA?
HOW DID YOU *FIND* ME? S.H.I.E.L.D.?
PLEASE.
ANYONE CAN WEAR THE SUIT.
DO YOU HAVE THE SKILLS TO PROVE IT?
STEVE--THERE ARE EASIER WAYS TO DO THIS.
THIS MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?

I JUST WANT TO TALK.
FINE. WE'LL TALK.
ONCE YOU'RE ON YOUR BACK.
WHUK
THAT...
...WAS UNCALLED FOR.

SPEAK YOUR PIECE, T'CHALLA. WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
TO CONVINCE YOU THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO WIN THIS WAR THAN FIGHTING.
POLITICIANS TALK--AND GET NOTHING DONE. I'M A SOLDIER.
YOU'RE CAPTAIN AMERICA, THE LIVING SYMBOL OF THIS COUNTRY. YOU COULD CHANGE THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PUBLIC--IF YOU TALKED TO THEM.
EXIT
HOW MANY MORE HEROES NEED TO DIE WHILE WE WAIT FOR OPINION POLLS TO CHANGE?
THEY KILLED GOLIATH. HOW COULD THEY DO THAT...AND JUST GO ON?
BILL FOSTER WAS ONE OF THEIR OWN. A FIRST-RATE SCIENTIST AND A TRUE HERO. ONE OF HANK'S BEST FRIENDS. AND REED AND TONY STILL DON'T GET IT. THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO WIN THIS WAR.

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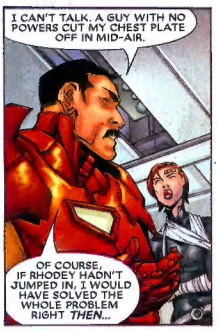
STEVE, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN HOPE TO CONTEND WITH TONY. YOU'RE RELYING ON OLD S.H.I.E.L.D. EQUIPMENT YOU'RE SCRAPING TOGETHER. YOU NEED A TECH SOURCE.
AND *YOU'D* SUPPLY ME?
UNDER THE TABLE, YES.
AND IF THEY FIND OUT?
OR IF I WERE TO NEED MORE THAN WAKANDAN WEAPONS?
IF I WERE TO NEED WAKANDAN WARRIORS LIKE *YOURSELF* AND YOUR *WIFE*.
I JOINED THE AVENGERS BECAUSE I FEARED SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD COME TO PASS. I QUIT ANOTHER GROUP FOR THE SAME REASON.
NOW IT HAS *HAPPENED*.
THEN TELL ME, T'CHALLA:
CAN YOU HELP US GET TO THE NEGATIVE ZONE? CAN YOU HELP US BREAK INTO 42?


I CAN'T TALK. A GUY WITH NO POWERS CUT MY CHEST PLATE OFF IN MID-AIR.
OF COURSE, IF RHODEY HADN'T JUMPED IN, I WOULD HAVE SOLVED THE WHOLE PROBLEM RIGHT THEN...

I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU. WITH WAKANDAN TECHNOLOGY, AND THE ADDITIONAL STRATEGIC HELP OF THE BLACK PANTHER AND STORM, THEY COULD TIP THE SCALES.
AND WHAT IF STORM RALLIES THE MUTANTS TO GET INVOLVED?

NEXT: THE BIG GUNS

MAIL TO THE KING!

I think it's safe to say that the honeymoon is over.

Greetings, Panther Fans! Judging from the number of letters we've received, it's clear that T'Challa and Ororo aren't the only ones who have been keeping busy. Let's go to it!

Today was a momentous day for me. I actually purchased a comic book! Not since the emergence of Bishop (X-MEN) have I been so impressed by the presence of a Black comic book character. I'm in love with BLACK PANTHER, from the writing to the artwork. The writing is so important due to the lack of riveting characterizations of Blacks...and especially Black men in mass media. I loved issue #21 with its mention of the autobiographies of Malcolm X and MLK. I'm officially purchasing a subscription to BLACK PANTHER because quality work like this should be supported by everyone and especially by the community. Keep his him strong, smart, and challenging the status quo of stereotypes.

Now if only the "other" comic book publishers can share your insight will there be a lot more people (especially the young) reading illustrative texts and seeing themselves in a good light. Thank you.

Kalimah Priforce
College senior
Brooklyn, NY

Thank you for your letter, Kalimah! I love these aspects of BLACK PANTHER as well.

My Panther Brethren Nationwide!

I say once again that the Panther is unstoppable in many ways, in any shape or form, with technology more advanced than America, and a warrior's spirit much more pure and sacred than Japan's. With Panther marrying Storm, it will be a union I think will last forever, because they knew each other when they were kids. It will be incredible when they have a child together: it will have part of Storm's mutant genes and T'Challa's enhanced strength, speed, senses, control of the Wakandan kingdom and its incredible resources. Their genetic family heritage is something you should write about in future issues of the comic because it will be an exciting story.

And also make War Machine a special guest on future issues as well. He was a good-hearted hero and should make an appearance or re-emerge again so they can fully develop the character...because black superheroes never get the time of day to really develop like they do in the Panther comics!

Keep up the incredible work you're doing and don't start slacking off!

Christopher Duane Smith
Jacksonville, FL

Ask and you shall receive! Check out our last issue, BLACK PANTHER #22, for an appearance by none other than James Rhodes—War Machine!

And I agree: should T'Challa and Storm have a child, there will be some interesting stories to tell!

WOW!!!! BLACK PANTHER is truly a book worth reading every month. You keep surprising us on how great a character he truly is. Now with Storm at his side as his Queen...they are both really amazing as a couple.

I loved the meeting with Dr. Doom. He is truly another great character. I do enjoy seeing him as ruler of a nation that is quite powerful as well. Also, you really do handle him very well as a really evil villain. I do love the idea that Dr. Doom is a genius and has many powerful weapons to rely on. Please, don't forget either that he is also a very powerful mystic—he has powerful magical powers the he got from his mother. He is indeed in both worlds, of science and magic, which adds more spice to him as a character.

I loved seeing the Inhumans too. They are also a remarkable race of characters. I am so happy to see them more involved in Marvel Universe lately, and not in limbo and are used every now and then. I love seeing Black Bolt and Medusa as another powerful royal couple. I hope to see the Black Panther's scientists create a device that Black Bolt can wear that allows him to talk as well be able to use his sonic powers from his voice. It is time you guys upgrade him as a character, allowing him to speak for himself. I hope to see the Inhumans involved more in Earth matters. It is their home too. Love to see the return of the Evil Inhuman League.

Namor was also GREAT. I am su tired of hearing him called Prince of Atlantis. It is time he claims his rightful title as King of Atlantis. It gives him more of an air about him as a ruler. I also love that you guys are writing him more in control of his emotions, that he isn't a childlike ruler. Yes, have him always have a temper, it's his personality. As well, have him also start really thinking as a king, and be more mature about matters in life. Have him remember fondly always his two queens and wives—Queen Dorma and Queen Marrina.

I still believe that Queen Marrina is still alive. Have her return from limbo and rule by King Namor's side. She was a very interesting character and I would love to see her again, as well as further explore her race. Also, upgrade Sub-Mariner's powers and abilities. There is so much about him we still need to know about. I would also love to see Namorita still alive. She can still be called Princess of Atlantis, Second Ruler to the throne of Atlantis.

I can't wait to see the Black Panther become more involved in this Civil War conflict. If anyone can do something about it, it's the Black Panther, with Captain America by his side.

I'd also love to see these super-teams revised and be put to use by the Black Panther during the Civil War: The Defenders, The Warriors, The Champions, and The Lady Liberators.

I would also love to see The Black Panther and Storm visit The Eternals as well in their World Tours. Have them as well somehow get involved in the Civil War too.

Jason Rivera
Via e-mail

Stay tuned, Jason! As T'Challa and Storm are drawn deeper into the Civil War, they'll come face-to-face with many more familiar characters from the Marvel Universe.

And as for these super-teams you would like to see revised, well, you just never know who might show up!

Hey!

Reading BLACK PANTHER #20 was like watching a good "Star Trek" episode. I liked all the sci-fi elements of the story. Hudlin proved that the Panther can cope as an interstellar player very well. This was my first contact with the Inhumans and this issue left me very interested in those characters (their variety of looks and superpowers, the amazing city they live in, their internal power-struggle problems and intrigues).

The doses of action were perfect—eight pages between the main fight and the pursuit on the lunar open field. And what a cliff-hanger! Now the Panther has the great responsibility of avoiding an Inhuman/Human war, in times of an already ready-to-explode worldwide Civil War? This is getting serious!

T'Challa and Ororo are a great couple and a great superhero team-up as well. All the new guys on the artwork-team are doing a great job. I know the upcoming Civil War tie-ins are going to be the bomb!!

Amandla!
Gabriel Barrios
Durango, México

Ever since Paul Jenkins and Jae Lee's INHUMANS series, I have been intrigued by the Inhuman race. They really are fascinating, multifaceted characters.

In case you're interested in finding out how the Inhumans came to be at war with Earth, check out the SON OF M limited series. And keep your eyes peeled for SILENT WAR, a new series that follows the Inhumans as the conflict escalates!

Wow. I am a 21-year-old Brazilian who has read Marvel comics since 1988/1989, but because stories were always delayed in reaching us, the stories I read when I started reading comics were from the late 70's. And what can I say? Marvel has a soul that DC doesn't have. But remember: you need to respect an important thing to keep that soul: respect continuity and please let the character that died be dead, okay? We Marvel fans have pride for not having so much CRISIS to put the universe in order. But let's go to the point. Civil War is AMAZING! Just don't say some of the heroes are being mind-controlled by some villain. It would be too damn stupid for this fabulous arc.

I just read BLACK PANTHER 22, so I've read the issues with Doom, the Inhumans, Namor and T'Challa. If you don't !@#$% with making Doom do his mad villainous things as always, this can be really, really cool. Thank you guys for being so Marvelous.

Andre de Camargo Salles Tomazini
via e-mail

PS- Sorry for grammar errors; it has been some time since I've written in English!

Thank you for your letter, Andre!

Hello, Panther Team,

I'm really enjoying the story of Panther and Storm's travels. I can't wait to see how his involvement will unfold in the Civil War story. It seems to me, though, that now Panther and Storm are a sealed deal. This means that we would logically expect to see her highness from month to month. So, why not change the title of the book? I think Storm has enough gravitas to merit mention alongside Panther. You could make one of those competitions people like so much. It could be something clever like: MARRIED MARVELS, WEDDED WARRIORS, BLACK PANTHER AND STORM (hee), THE KING AND I, MUTANT AND MAN. Unless, of course, we expect the marriage not to last? Well, I just thought it needed to be said.

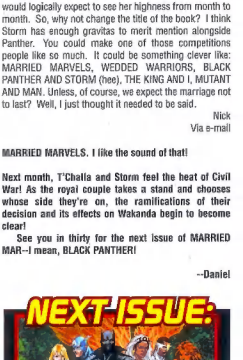
Nick
Via e-mail

MARRIED MARVELS. I like the sound of that!

Next month, T'Challa and Storm feel the heat of Civil War! As the royal couple takes a stand and chooses whose side they're on, the ramifications of their decision and its effects on Wakanda begin to become clear!

See you in thirty for the next issue of MARRIED MAR--I mean, BLACK PANTHER!

--Daniel



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